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Dear Ecology Partners:

We appreciate Ecology's leadership, hard work and partnership on the important task of updating Washington's human health water quality criteria and implementation tools. The effort and thoughtful engagement by Ecology staff over the last several years has been nothing short of remarkable. Attached is EPA's final Clean Water Act decision on Ecology's August 1, 2016 submittal of new and revised water quality standards. I've also attached EPA's final federal rule, which Administrator McCarthy signed today. Both decision documents and the docket for the federal rule will be available on EPA's website by tomorrow morning. The website is: <https://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech/water-quality-standards-regulations-washington#fed>

As we've discussed recently, bringing resolution to Washington's human health criteria is a significant accomplishment that further establishes the state of Washington's leadership in water quality protection. We recognize that there is much more work to do to ensure that the standards can be implemented in a reasonable manner, and we are committed to working through those issues with Ecology over time.

Thank you again sincerely for the quality of the work and your partnership.

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